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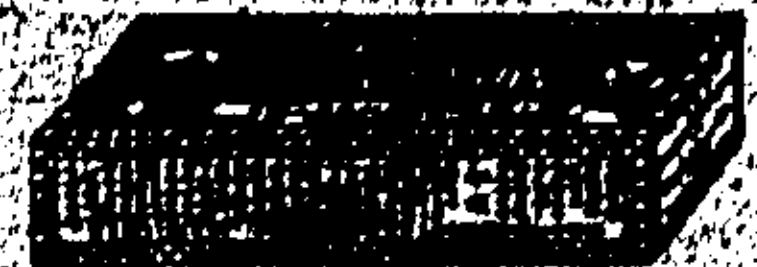
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PEKING NOTES

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Peking, December 17th.

INTERNAL PEACE HOPE REVIVED.

Two days ago it would have been correct to say that the internal Peace Conference was in a state of deadlock with no immediate prospect of its resumption. Even the unofficial negotiations between militarist leaders on both sides seemed to have ceased. To-day, however, it would appear as if reason were beginning to assert itself, for it is now reported that there is a disposition to discuss the situation in the hope of reaching a settlement. This change of heart is expressed in a lessening of the opposition to Wang I-tang, the chief Northern delegate, and it is confidently expected that he may yet have the satisfaction of meeting in conference with the Southern delegates. The hope may not be justified, but it is very real at the moment, so much so that a representative has been despatched from Peking to assist in this matter by explaining Government views. It is a timely thought that there should be peace in China and goodwill to most men. The exception need not be stated.

THE PREMIER'S DIFFICULTIES.

Premier Chin Yung-pang is confronted with further difficulties created by the Anfu Club. His scheme for not making substantive appointments to the Ministry of Education and of Agriculture was regarded as a clever move in offsetting the Anfu demands to have their own men assigned to these two portfolios, but apparently a counter-move is planned which may defeat the Premier after all. Parliament, which has been meeting irregularly for three months in order to discuss the budget, declines to go out of session unless these vacancies are filled and the names of the proposed Ministers are submitted to it for approval. The threat is a nasty one, but Chin has not yet resigned, and while he is in office he will put up a strong fight. Possibly it is this report which has given rise to the belief that his administration will not survive China's New Year. News services.

LITTLE HUI'S RETURN.

An imposing ceremony took place at the Palace yesterday, when General Hsu Shih-chun formally received from the President the seal which he is to convey to the Living Buddha at Urga. Little Hui leaves this week for the capital of Outer Mongolia to complete the arrangements which he has made for its passing under the absolute control of Peking. His staff, numbering scores of officers in brand new uniforms, and including several Japanese advisers, is to travel ahead of him. Operations here should be watched closely, as it means that the status of the territory will be entirely changed, most probably in a manner consistent with Japanese ambitions in this direction. Already it is announced that Chang Tso-lin is jealous of the great power which Hsu has acquired and that Chang is conspiring with Monks to dislodge Little Hui's plans. Big events are impending here.

RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

General Ting Shih-yuan, director of the Peking-Suiyuan Railway and acting director of the Peking-Hankow Railway, who is a protégé of Little Hui, has submitted a scheme for the amalgamation of the two railways under the name of the Kin-Sui-Ga line and placing it under one administration. To accomplish this he proposes to connect the two termini and construct a central station somewhere in the neighbourhood. According to reports, he has suggested the Temple of Agriculture as a suitable site, but it is doubtful if public opinion will sanction the removal of this interesting monument with its vast enclosure, which affords a pleasant place of resort in the summer. As a complement to this scheme he proposes to extend the Peking-Kalgan line to Urga. The first section to Ean-jong, which is on the border of Inner and Outer Mongolia, has already been surveyed. Obviously the project is a big one. The money and material required will be enormous, but this does not seem to dismay the General, who contemplates raising a domestic loan for a substantial amount. Needless to remark, the Chinese people are not keen on investing their money in Government enterprises, but their diffidence will not prove a serious obstacle as the Japanese will buy the bonds if Chinese do not. To most onlookers the scheme appears of consequence, with Japanese plans for connecting up Mongolia with their Manchurian railways.

AVIATION.

The first Handley-Page aeroplane has made its test successfully, and by the time these notes appear in print it will have been handed over to the Chinese Government, and the second machine ready to take the air. Mr. H. R. Donaldson, of the Vickers, Maxim Co., has returned from home accompanied by an aviator, who will before long demonstrate the possibilities of the Vickers machine.

Loan rumours are as rife as ever for the very good reason that the Government is still very much in need of money notwithstanding the disbursement of the surplus from the Customs and the Salt service. Opponents of the Wine and Tobacco Loan have not ceased to protest, but their opposition is unavailing as the loan is completed and the money handed over. (Continued on page 2 of next column.)

THE FIRST AERIAL DERBY AROUND THE WORLD

COMMISSION NOW IN PEKING.

The general statement of the special commission to organize the first Aerial Derby around the world, under the rules of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, appointed by the Aero Club of America, and the Aerial League of America, is of interest at this time as the members of the Commission are now in Peking.

The first Aerial Derby around the world will be in the nature of a Touring contest in which any person may participate. They may use both aeroplanes and dirigibles for air-travel, and are permitted to use ships, railways, automobiles and other means of transportation to make connection between controls, but the greatest and fastest average air-mileage wins the master prizes.

A long period of time will be allotted for the journey, and certain zones of travel will be fixed. The contestants may consume the entire time allotted to make the trip and fly, or engage passage for flight, under conditions agreeable to aerial travel; that is, he may fly from one point to another on one day, continuing at his pleasure on to the next point, his time being officially taken by the referees at point of starting and stopping.

It will not be necessary for the contestant to own an aeroplane, flying boat or dirigible, as he is privileged to engage passage in any aircraft available; and it is hoped the Commission may be able to arrange aerial transportation across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, whereby several of the contestants may go together. The contestants will be under absolute control and direction of the referees appointed, who must be native citizens of the country on which the contestants are travelling.

The object of the Commission is to create a world-wide interest in aeronautics and air-travel; to build safe landing fields and airports; to establish controls and appoint referees to check contestants in and out, and to collect data for the establishment of permanent aerial lines throughout the world.

The Commission requests all commercial bodies to co-operate with the Aero Clubs of their city, state and country, to appoint referees and to make an entry in the first Aerial Derby around the world to the credit and honour of their city and country, and to be foremost to push forward aviation that aerial lines may be speedily established to all parts of the world.

EUROPEAN SEAMAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

AT THE SEAMAN'S INSTITUTION.

Atel Alfred Anderson, a native of Finland, committed suicide on Saturday evening at the Seaman's Institute by hanging himself with a strap which was attached to a beam in his cabin. Anderson was a seaman and had engaged a room at the Institute for a few days. He was 32 years of age. The motive for his rash deed is not known.

OPIUM CASE.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, a Chinese woman was charged with being in unlawful possession of three tael of prepared opium.

Defendant stated that she purchased the drug for medicinal purpose.

She was fined \$300, with the alternative of two months' hard labour.

TEACHERS WALK OUT.

Not having received their salaries for three months, the teachers of the University normal and primary schools declined to attend classes last Monday, in accordance with the decision which they reached the previous week. The Minister of Education has been endeavouring to secure a loan to enable him to pay the arrears, and it is expected that the money will be available in a few days, when the teachers' demands for payment wholly in silver and not partly in depreciated Chinese notes will also be met.

Meanwhile, the students are having ample opportunities for street lecturing in advocacy of the boycott. Japanese writers are pointing out that the boycott hurts Chinese as well as Japanese. So it does, but sympathy for a few of their own people will not deter the advocates of the movement from continuing it. In this connection a very amusing incident may be mentioned. The North China Standard, the new Japanese paper, which is sold in the capital with its motto as "Friendship," announced yesterday that Mr. Ohno had called at the Waichow and made it clear that if the Government did not take steps to end the boycott the Imperial Government would have to resort to strong measures. Next day it had to announce that it was in error in making such a statement. Naturally, other journalists are asking if a Japanese paper misunderstands Japanese in Peking, is it any wonder that the citizens of the Island Empire are so generally misunderstood in China as they complain.

ABOLITION ON BRITISH SHIPS. A SHIP-OWNER ON CHINESE EFFICIENCY.

The House of Commons on November 3rd. had under consideration the Aliens Restriction Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. Quite a heap of amendments were introduced with the object of protecting the British seamen against unfair competition, both from coloured races, who were subject to the British flag, and from those of other nationalities, and with every fresh proposal the trouble grew worse. After considerable discussion had taken place, with the object of making the clause more definite as to the rates of pay of aliens, Mr. Auckland-Weir, who had spent considerable time in studying the subject, introduced a series of amendments to provide to the effect that where the Board of Trade were satisfied that aliens of any particular race, other than former enemy aliens, were habitually employed, and worked in any capacity or in any climate for which they were specially fitted, nothing in that section should prejudice the rights of an alien of such race to be employed on British ships, at rates of pay which were not below those for the time being fixed as the standard rates for British subjects of that race. The House showed its appreciation of the reasonableness of the proposal by adopting it by 221 votes to 53. The original amendment as amended was then agreed to.

Sir W. H. Riechers said Chinese had not been employed for cheapness but for their efficiency, and because there had not been sufficient British seamen and firemen to man the ships. Of all aliens the Chinese were the most efficient. Ship-owners had agreed to this clause, and they agreed that the wages of aliens should be equal to the wages of British seamen. That did not mean that Chinese would be thrown out of British ships. Ship-owners must be at liberty to obtain the best workmen they could find. It showed them not to place obstacles in the way of a great enterprise which had given us such a magnificent mercantile fleet during the war.

Mr. Wignall expressed astonishment to hear a shipowner say that he had employed Chinese sailors because he was cheaper, but because he was more efficient. He said that the great mass of Chinese coolies had been employed on British ships because they were cheaper in wages and cheaper to maintain. This was the cause of all the trouble in the past. He believed British seamen were not hostile to foreigners being on the ship so long as they knew wages were being maintained and that there was no undercutting. In his view the Government amendment fairly and reasonably met the case.

CANTON NEWS.

December 28th.

RAILWAY PROJECT.

In regard to the proposed railway scheme in the South-West Provinces, it has been decided to form a Railway Bureau after the New Year. Shun Chun-huen has been appointed Chief Director of the bureau and the expenses of the bureau are to be met from the Customs surplus.

The authorities of the various provinces have been ordered to have survey made of the proposed railway route in their own districts and forward reports to the bureau so that an estimate may be prepared.

The Director of the Canton-Samshui Railway Company proposes to build a road for motor traffic from Fatsan to Chan-chuen. The Director personally inspected the proposed route the other day and consulted the committee of the Chambers of Commerce in Fatsan and Chan-chuen. The road will be 80 feet wide and up-to-date motor vehicles will be used both for passengers and freight.

THE TUGBOAT AND HONGKONG MERCHANTS. The Tugboat, Mok Wing-sun who asked Lau Chu-pak, Ho Sai-kwong and other merchants in Hongkong to act as his advisers entertained these merchants on December 25th.

The Civil Governor, the Treasurer, and many military leaders were also the Tugboat's guests on this occasion which was also the fifth anniversary of the revolution in Yunnan.

THE TRAMWAY COMPANY. The Tramway Company has recently sent electricians and workmen to set up the standards for the tramway in the new road. The construction of the tramway in the inner part of the city is to begin shortly as the company has decided to open the route section by section. The lines in the city will be completed by the end of February and will be opened to traffic at the beginning of March.

December 29th.

THE SENSATIONAL CONFERENCE. A message from Shanghai reports preparations for the resumption of the Shanghai Conference. Tong Shih-yi, the chief of the Southern peace delegation, has agreed to continue the negotiations with the Northern envoys who have decided to return to Shanghai after New Year. It is stated that Li Shun, the Tugboat of Hankow, will act as Administrative Director in the Conference.

THE SENSATIONAL CONFERENCE. The authorities have received reports that work on the reclamation of the Chingchow shoals is proceeding. About 50 junks of sand and gravel are on their way from Macao to the reclamation works and more than two-thirds of the work has been completed. The contractors have been told to complete the work by the end of the Chinese year. A gunboat is patrolling the shoals to afford protection to the workmen in case of need.

WHAMPOA AS A PORT. Shun Chun-huen and other members of the Military Government propose to open Whampoa as a port for merchants. It is proposed that a road 200 feet wide should be built from Canton to Whampoa. It will be remembered that the proposal was mooted many years ago, but had to be abandoned owing to lack of funds.

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COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.
SALE OF THE COMPANY'S INTERESTS.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Borneo Company, was held in the Company's offices yesterday, Mr. J. W. O. Bonnar presiding. The others present were Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. A. E. Griffin (directors), D. J. Lewis (Solicitor to the Company), M. S. Northcote, Scott Harston (representing Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield), A. E. Crappell, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, L. W. Sang, L. Y. Po, O. Baptista, L. N. Lepple, Ip Hook, and H. W. B. Kennett (manager).

The CHAIRMAN said:—The circular letter of 10th. December explains clearly the reason for calling this meeting, but you will no doubt expect that I should give you some more information regarding the proposed sale of the Company. Before Mr. Darby, the Chairman of the Company, left for England in April last he informed the Board that the British North Borneo Co., had some scheme under consideration for the further development of the timber resources in Borneo and that some proposal might be made to your Directors for amalgamation or on-right purchase of this Company. The timber resources in Borneo are considerable and to work them to full advantage would require a capital expenditure much larger than the China Borneo Co., could face. The opinion of Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., who are interested in this Company to the extent of 1,070 shares, and the British North Borneo Co., who hold an equal number of shares, is that it will require a capital of from £500,000 to £750,000, eventually, to fully develop the timber lands. I think you will agree with me that it would be next to impossible to raise those figures here. The only way to do it is to organize a London Company to work the concession which the British North Borneo Co. are about to grant. It may be said that an agreement could be made for the separate working on friendly terms of both Companies, but such would be open to serious objections, and in this connection I cannot do better than quote from a letter received from Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., with which views your Directors are in agreement.

(a) The maintenance of separate administrations would be unnecessarily costly.
(b) It would probably prove inconvenient in practice for the seats of administration of two such Companies to be so far apart as Hongkong and London.
(c) If a small place like Borneo, local friction which would be harmful to both concerns, would be very apt to arise.
(d) Two concerns, however closely allied, cannot exercise the same influence or command the same resources as one large Company.

Messrs. Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., have therefore come to the conclusion that the only course to adopt in the interests of the shareholders is to formulate a mutually satisfactory proposal for the taking over by the new Company of the China Borneo Co., as a going concern. They have, therefore, made the offer to purchase the whole undertaking as from 31st. December, 1912, for \$925,000. I may here state that Mr. Darby, who has been connected with our Company for many years as General Manager and now as Chairman, has gone very fully into the question in London and strongly recommends the acceptance of the offer. Your other Directors, now present in the Colony, have given the offer their serious consideration and, as stated in the circular, have no hesitation in recommending you to accept it. A conditional agreement has been signed which you are now asked to confirm. That agreement has been open for your inspection and some of you have no doubt made yourselves acquainted with the terms. The purchase price works out at \$18 per share and it is not anticipated that there will be any great expense in carrying out the liquidation of the old Company. The shareholders will receive a higher price per share than the shares have ever been quoted at. You will also have the right, should you desire it, to subscribe for two shares in the new Company for every share you at present hold, of the cost of \$1 per share. The staff of the China Borneo Co., are duly protected and their services are to be retained by the new Company on the terms of their present agreements.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the following resolution:—That the conditional agreement entered into by the Directors of the Company in the name and on behalf of the Company with Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., dated the 10th. day of December, 1912, for the sale of the undertaking property and assets of the Company as existing on the 31st. day of December, 1912, subject to the liabilities, for the sum of \$925,000 (eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars), cash which has been submitted to this meeting be, and the same is hereby ratified and approved and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorized and directed to carry the same into effect with full power to assent to any modifications in the agreement which they may think expedient and in the interests of the Company. Seconded by Sir Paul Chater. Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed:—That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Ernest Alfred Mountford Williams of the firm of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews of Charter Bank Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up, and such remuneration as may be arranged between the said Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., and the Liquidator.

Sir Paul Chater seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER.

The circular letter to shareholders said, in effect:—

As you are aware, this Company has the right under the powers contained in its Memorandum of Association to sell its undertaking and assets, and under its Articles of Association its Directors have power to do what is necessary to carry such sale into effect, but the Directors consider that in a matter of this importance the shareholders should be fully consulted, and, in the agreement which has been executed by them, the sale has, therefore, been expressly made subject to and conditional upon, the approval of this Company's shareholders.

The Directors have no hesitation whatever in recommending this sale, because, as you know, although this Company is at present successful, and is paying dividends, the resources are not great, and now that the war is over, the British North Borneo Company are anxious to develop and exploit their unutilized timber resources as much as possible and, as a result of this, it is quite probable that should the present agreement not go through other Companies will be formed with far larger resources than this Company possesses and that competition (which has not been serious up to now) may have a very adverse effect upon the interests of the Company, which even an increase of its present capital would probably fail to rectify.

Under the terms of the agreement, the purchaser will pay a cash consideration of \$925,000 and will acquire the whole undertaking and assets of this Company as existing on the 31st. December, 1912, excepting only therefrom the sum of \$52,800 in cash already applied in payment to the shareholders of this Company of the dividend and bonus for the year 1912 of \$1.20 and 60 cents per share respectively, and will also take over all the debts liabilities and obligations of this Company incurred since the date last above mentioned in the ordinary course of its business. The agreement also provides that the sale is to be subject to the approval of the shareholders, who are asked to consider, shall be completed on the 31st. December, 1912. The purchaser also (under the agreement) take over all the employees of this Company on the same terms as those upon which such employees are now employed and give to this Company's shareholders the right to subscribe (to the extent of two shares of the nominal value of \$1 (one pound) sterling) each for any one share held by this Company's shareholders for shares in a new Company, which the purchaser proposes to form and incorporate under the English Companies Act for the purpose of taking over the rights held by this Company and further rights which they have obtained.

A suggestion that this Company's assets should be sold for shares in a new Company was abandoned, as in such a case shareholders living in Hongkong would be compelled to pay English income tax.

Consequently both the Directors of this Company and the purchaser consider that the arrangement mentioned above is most advantageous for all concerned.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Seamen's Institute Concert was held on Saturday evening, and was a great success. A large audience of naval and merchant seamen attended, and were delighted with the programme given. The Purple Pierrots made their first public appearance, and their tricky and tasty costumes and delightful songs, some with dances, were well received. The following artists made up the Pierrots: The Misses Jack, Gifford and Brown, and Messrs. Gifford and Brown, and Messrs. Gifford and Brown. Apart from the Pierrots, songs were given by the Hon. Mr. Ensign and Mr. Green, also violin solo by Miss V. Oresce.

A sketch, entitled "Mr. Fitz-W," finished up a good evening. The characters were taken by Miss Jack, Miss P. M. Rosser, Miss Amy Gordon and Messrs. Hillier, Marcus Hayes and Percy Oliver. It would be invidious to mention names in fact to do so, it would be necessary to describe each item on the programme, and space precludes that. The whole show went with a swing seldom seen at an amateur performance.

A happy and joyous evening passed too quickly. If the artists could have heard, as the writer did, the remarks passed by the audience, they would go to their homes feeling well thanked for their efforts in producing a bright spot in lives which are at the best, hard-drums.

Great thanks are due also, to Mr. F. A. Hillier, who acted as accompanist, and to the String Band, who at intervals gave entertaining selections.

"VANITY FAIR" COMPANIES FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

There will be a special performance of "Vanity Fair" on Saturday next at the Theatre Royal. An attractive programme has been arranged to include a few of the most popular items in the repertoire, as well as many new ones. This will be the forerunner of the final farewell season here. The company proposed to leave on Monday next and return on the following Thursday for the final three nights of the season. The plan is now open at Monty's and early application for seats is advisable in view of the unavoidably short season.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

HOLIDAY MATCH.

GARRISON v. NAVY.

Some interesting cricket was witnessed on the Hongkong G.C. ground yesterday when the Garrison commenced their match against the Navy. The Navy had their strongest team out, and proved to be quite a match for the strong Garrison eleven. The Garrison eleven included Colonel Humphry, Lieut.-Col. Coles and Lieut. Bryson in place of Major Bowen, Major Middlemas and Major Oliver, who had played in the match against the Hongkong G.C. The batting of the side, was, of course, appreciably weakened by the absence of Major Bowen.

The Garrison, taking first knock, sent Coles and Telford in as first representatives, the attack being in the hands of Hastings and Kennett. The first wicket fell cheaply, Telford being caught by Lambert off Kennett's bowling when the score stood at 9. Oliver, who came in next, lost Coles when the score stood at 16. The partnership between Edwards and Oliver was productive of 14 runs, Oliver being yorked by Hastings after he had gathered 18 runs. Edwards, who was playing carefully, stayed in with Davies till the score rose to 53, being then given out, leg before wicket to Hastings. When Davies and Switzerland were in the fortunes of the side improved considerably. Both batsmen hit out freely and it was not till he had scored 23 runs was Switzerland caught in the outfield off Kennett. Wyndham was bowled off the very first delivery he faced from Hastings. Davies played a very creditable innings indeed, although he gave at least two possible catches. His powerful drives on the off were admired. The tail wagged but weakly and the total reached 157. Hastings and Kennett bowled very consistently, the former sending down 19 overs in succession.

The Navy started badly, losing Greig, one of their best bats, when the score was 5. Lieut. Jones was bowled by Bryson when 11 more runs had been obtained. Holborn and Franks took the score to 43 when the latter was bowled by Hastings. Holborn and Holborn in partnership made things hum, Holborn making 59 runs very confidently. He was out and when Robinson was joined by Hastings, the runs continued to come steadily. The padre, in turning a ball to leg, twisted a muscle and the game was interrupted for a while when he was being attended to. The next to get out was Robinson, who had given a first class display of cricket, but was bowled by Davies. Both sides made difficult catches from him. The Navy tail turned out trumps. Dolphin, Caswell and Lambert all batted well and the total, which had been 148 at the fall of the sixth wicket, reached 210 before Lambert was out to a beautiful one-handed catch by Davies.

With 10 minutes of play left, the Garrison commenced their second innings. The batting was exceedingly monotonous; six runs were scored in seven overs. The match will be continued at 11 a.m. to-day.

Yesterday's scores:—

1st Innings.				
Lieut.-Col. Coles, b Kennett	5			
Capt. M.S. Telford, c Lambert, b Kennett	8			
Capt. Oliver, A. Hastings	18			
Major Edwards, b Hastings	15			
Capt. Davies, b Kennett	43			
Lieut. Southland, c Franks, b Kennett	23			
Lieut.-Col. Wyndham, b Hastings	0			
Col. Humphry, b W. Hastings	10			
Lieut. Bryson, b Hastings	5			
Lieut. Bevan, c and b Kennett	6			
Lieut. Claxson, not out	1			
Extras	5			
Total	157			

Bowling Analysis.				
Hastings	21	7	73	5
Kennett	15.3	3	63	5
Lambert	6	0	21	0

2nd Innings.				
Lieut.-Col. Coles, not out	8			
Lieut. Bevan, not out	3			
Total (for no wickets)	11			

UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the University "F.C." against the "Proctor" on New Year Day, waiting at 10 a.m. on University ground:—Mr. S. E. Brown (Captain), A. H. Bingham, A. J. Kew, Yew Man, T. G. G. A. V. Hall, Ho Wing Kin, J. M. Jack, Chon Man Ping, W. Hall Wong, Foo Hon and J. C. W. (Capt. Ho Wing Kin).

POLICE PARAGRAPHS.

FATAL FALL FROM BUNK.

A Chinese met with his death at a Club-house on Saturday night under unusual circumstances. He was lying in his bunk, which was twelve feet from the ground, and accidentally rolled over. He sustained concussion of the brain and died while being removed to hospital.

MURDER.

A Chinese woman, resident in 4, West End Terrace, has reported to the Police that some person broke into her house, through the skylight on Christmas Day, and stole jewellery and money to the total value of \$1,300.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

A Chinese visited the Stag Hotel on Christmas night and met with an unpleasant experience. He was smoking opium when two men accosted him and tried to gag him. The man struggled and raised an alarm. His assailants immediately disappeared. One man has been since arrested.

A QUEER STORY.

A Chinese, who wished to have his fortune told, went to a friend who was a fortune-teller. This man introduced him to another fortune-teller and the three adjourned to a restaurant for refreshment. He was then given a cup of tea, and a few minutes later was overcome by a splitting headache. The two fortune-tellers stole \$81 from his pockets and departed.

NINE HOURS IN THE WATER.

A steersman of a licensed trading junk of 350 piculs capacity, has reported to the Police that on the 23rd instant his junk sailed from An Tau, Chinese territory, to Sau Tai Mun. On the way the junk broke and the boat capsized. One of his folk was drowned, while the rest clung to the stern of the junk which drifted for over nine hours. The men were subsequently picked up by another junk. The value of the boat and the cargo, a consignment of wood, was valued at \$500.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

A Chinese was run over by a train at Sum Chun and was killed.

AN ASTUTE PAWNBROKER.

HOW A THIEF WAS CAUGHT.

Through the astuteness of a pawnbroker, a thief was arrested on Friday evening. It appears that a Chinese youth went to the pawnbroker's shop and offered a watch, estimated \$20 for it. The master of the shop asked him where the watch had been obtained. The youth replied that he had purchased it for \$25. "But it is worth \$35," observed the broker and then telephoned to the Police. Enquiries were made and it was discovered that the youth, who was a folk in a wine-shop, had been sent to a Japanese firm to collect old bottles. He had taken the watch, which was lying on a dressing table, without anybody being aware of it. The youth was charged with the theft at the Magistrate's Court yesterday, and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

STOWAWAYS.

A PLAUSIBLE TALE.

At the Magistrate's yesterday, four well-dressed Chinese were charged with attempting to stow away in the steamer "Apsara," bound for Singapore. Sergeant Smith stated that the men were discovered in a dark corner of the forepeak of the vessel.

Defendants stated that they were invited on board by the Assistant Comptroller of the vessel, who promised them tickets when the vessel sailed.

Mr. R. Judah of the P. & O. Company stated that the "comptroller" on the vessel were not authorised to sell passenger tickets on board.

Mr. Wood fined each defendant \$75.

MANAGER ABSCONDS.

\$10,000 STOLEN.

The Chinese manager of a store at No. 6, Connaught Road, has absconded with \$10,000 belonging to the firm. When the man did not appear at the store on Wednesday it was at first supposed that he was ill. Enquiries at his residence, however, elicited the fact that the man had absconded. The books were audited and \$10,000 were found to be missing. The Police have been informed.

UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting of the United Services Football League was held yesterday evening at the R.G.A. headquarters. Master Gunner King presided over an attendance of the representatives of the different military teams, who have signified their intention of entering the League.

A letter was read from the Hongkong Football Club, applying for admission to the League. It was decided that only service teams should be admitted to the League this season. The League season will commence on January 1st. Two matches will be played every Wednesday and Saturday. On January 18th, the "Wiltshire" Regiment will meet the "R.G.A." on the Military ground, "Amherst" will play "Amherst" on the Naval ground. On January 25th, the "Amherst" will meet the "R.G.A." on the Military ground. All matches will commence at 4 p.m. sharp.

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THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.
All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on Jan. 3rd, at 10 A.M., and Jan. 5th, at 10 A.M.
All claims must be presented within a month of the Steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.
No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after Jan. 5th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
J. O'BRIEN, SHIPPER,
Activity Agent.
Hongkong, December 30th, 1919. [1738]

NOTICE

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA

FROM and after JANUARY 1st, 1920, the Office of the above Company will be located at

MARINE HOUSE

18, Queen's Road Central, First Floor,
(above Coldbeck Macgregor's).
F. M. WILDER,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, December 30th, 1919. [1738]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st and 2nd, 1920.
The full schedule of classes and programme will shortly be issued to Members.
Residents who are interested in Horticulture and are already Members of the Society are invited to contribute with the Hon. Secretary.

H. B. L. DOWLING

18, Chater Road,
Hongkong, December 30th, 1919. [1738]

SALE BY TENDER OF H.M.S. "HYDRANGEA"

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the above named ship with Engines and Boilers and various auxiliary machinery on board.
Full particulars of the ship and conditions of sale may be obtained on application to the undersigned, or to the British Naval Agent at Shanghai or to the British Naval General Staff Officer at Singapore. Permits to view the ship and forms of tender are application only to the undersigned.
A deposit is required before forms of tender can be issued.
The vessel will be on view from the first to the 31st January, 1920, inclusive between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. and tenders must reach the Commodore's Office, Hongkong, not later than 12 Noon on MONDAY, February 1st, 1920.
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NAVAL STORES OFFICER,
Hongkong. [1893]

BRITISH MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATIONS

TENDERS REQUIRED FOR ELECTRICAL SUPPLY.

THE Council hereby invites Tenders for the supply of TURBO-ALTERNATORS, specifications for which, and all particulars in connection, can be obtained on application to the undersigned.
The Council reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any Tender, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender, or to pay any expenses which the Tenders may incur in tendering.
By Order,
J. L. LYNES,
Secretary.
Tientsin, December 14th, 1919. [1128]

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAYS

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 1 of 1919, the EXCHANGE BANK will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1920.
Hongkong, December 24th, 1919. [1738]

REPULSE BAY HOTEL

A BALL will be held on the Evening of the 1st of JANUARY, 1920, commencing at 8.15 P.M.
Tickets including buffet supper can be obtained at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Main Office at \$3 per head.
Dinner will not be served at the REPULSE BAY HOTEL on the Opening Night.
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager. [1705]

NOTICE

REPULSE BAY HOTEL

IN order to enable the Contractors to complete the work in connection with the above Hotel at the earliest possible date without interruption, and in order to avoid all possibility of damage to the Flooring, Tiles, Paint Work, etc., the public are requested to kindly abstain from visiting the Hotel on and from this date until its completion and formal opening of which due notice will be given by Advertisement in the Local Newspapers.

The Management of the Hotel feel sure that they may rely upon the ready co-operation of the public in the foregoing regard.

Dated this Sixth day of November, 1919.
For THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.,
Proprietors of the REPULSE BAY HOTEL,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager. [1593]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHISON & COMPANY, LIMITED, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1920, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Account for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, January 1st, to WEDNESDAY, January 14th, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON ROOPER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.,
General Agents for the
West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, December 30th, 1919. [1734]

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), TO-DAY (TUESDAY), December 30th, 1919, at 10.30 A.M., at No. 17, Chatham Road, Kowloon:
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
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including—
Blackwood Furniture, large Brass Bedstead (practically new), Fumed Teakwood Furniture, Marble Clock, Electric Fittings,
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), TO-DAY (TUESDAY), December 30th, 1919, commencing at 2.30 P.M. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, A LARGE QUANTITY OF VALUABLE GOLD, JEWELLERY AND SILVER WARE, etc., etc.

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On view day of sale.
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), ON WEDNESDAY, December 31st, 1919, commencing at 12 Noon at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, 200 One Pointer Dog, 3 months old, AND One Fox Terrier Bitch, 3 months old.
Terms—Cash.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), ON TUESDAY, January 6th, 1920, commencing at 2.30 P.M. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, Double-hemstitched Sheet, Linen Damask Table Cloth, Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Embroidered Bedspreads and Table Covers, AND One Wardrobe Trunk, two Pillow Valances and Bath Cases, Two Prismatic Binarials, Brass Jards, etc., and Vase, Tennis Racket and Poles, etc., etc. (All are new Goods).
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As follows—
Large Tapestry-covered Chesterfield Sofa and Armchair (new), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, Upholstered Bedstead, wood Bedroom Furniture comprising Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, etc., (fumed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner Wagon, Extension Dining Table and Chairs, etc., Dinner Services, Crockery and Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, etc., Bath Room: Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware.
Electric Reading Lamp, Teakwood Screens, Sundry Blackwood Furniture, Blackwood Fire Screens, etc., Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, etc., Carpets new and second-hand, Curtains, etc.
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The Daily Press

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30TH, 1919.

"FINDING HIS MANHOOD."

When thrones were crumbling in Europe under the shattering influences of the Great War, there was never any fear for the security of the British Throne, broad based as it is, in THOMPSON'S phrase, on the people's will. We recall that General Smuts, in one of the most noteworthy of the many speeches delivered by him during his stay in London, availed himself of an opportunity afforded by a current news topic to point out that loyalty to the Throne was a factor of immense importance to the Empire, saying, in effect, that the British confederation as we have it to-day would be impossible without the central idea of the Throne. A "moment's" reflection makes the conclusion so obvious that we need not argue the point. It is only necessary to consider what would be the likely attitude of the other "free nations of the Commonwealth" if Great Britain became a Republic, electing its President and still claiming to exercise any sort of control or influence over the affairs of younger nations overseas embraced in the imperial confederation. The vital importance of the Monarchy to the existence of the Empire is recognized in every part of the King's Dominions, and there is happily no doubt whatever that the sentiments of loyalty to the Throne are as strong in what we have been accustomed to call the Colonies as it is in the Mother country. We are led to these reflections by the very noteworthy speech delivered the other day by the PRINCE OF WALES on the occasion of the reception accorded to His Royal Highness by the City of London upon his return from a tour in Canada and a brief visit to the United States, when the PRINCE MINISTERS took occasion to emphasize that the Throne "united the varying laws, languages, institutions and peoples of the Empire." No test of this unity could be more severe than that imposed by the Great War, and all the

world knows full well how splendidly every part of the British Dominions stood that test—how conspicuously the multitude of races united in giving the strongest possible proofs of their common loyalty to the Throne. Throughout the war there was nothing but admiration for the bearing of His Majesty THE KING and the members of the Royal Family. In the war the PRINCE OF WALES "found his manhood," as he himself has expressed it, and won in a special degree the affection of the people of the Empire. It was an admirable idea that the Heir to the Throne should, after the war, begin to prepare himself for his future responsibilities by paying a visit to one of the great overseas Dominions. The visit of His Royal Highness to Canada was a great success in every way. No one who was in Canada at the time, or has been there since, can have any doubt about the genuine character of the very cordial welcome which was extended to him; and if anything could heighten the admiration for the Prince which his tour evoked among the people of Canada it is assuredly to be found in the sentiments so admirably expressed by the Prince in his recent speech at the Guildhall, in which he spoke as though he fully shared what we may call the Dominion point of view regarding their position in the imperial confederation.

"The people of the Old Country," the Prince emphasised, "must realise that the patriotism of the Dominions is national patriotism, not mere loyalty to the world-wide British system of life and government, and, above all, loyalty to the British Empire, of which Britain like the Dominions is only one part." He felt the inspiration of this great idea throughout the tour, he said, while he also learned that the loyalty of the Dominions was in a very special sense loyalty to the Crown, which represented the unity of the Empire. Moreover, His Royal Highness confessed that he had returned "with a clearer idea of what was meant by the British Empire, of what was more appropriately called the British Commonwealth," and said he looked forward keenly to visiting, in the near future, the other Dominions, where he knew he would feel equally at home. The results of the Prince's first tour justify the PRINCE MINISTERS' belief that the Prince's visit to Canada and the other Dominions "would act like a tonic in its powerful and invigorating effect." The Prince has "found his manhood" on the threshold of an era of important change and development in the social and political life of the various peoples of the Empire, and the understanding and frank sympathy with popular aspirations which have found expression in the public speeches recently made by His Royal Highness manifestly make for the long continuance of the attachment of the British people to their Royal House. The reference in the recent Guildhall speech to the social, industrial and economic problems facing the Old Country made an appeal which will not be forgotten when he said that Great Britain's duty now is to "strive wholeheartedly towards the goal of happier conditions of life, ensuring to every man and woman in the country the just proceeds of their labour, and every child born into the country have a fair sporting chance. The problems could only be solved by common-sense and goodwill." It was a remarkable appeal for the Heir to the Throne to make at the Guildhall, and must obviously carry weight with the men on whom the duty of solving these problems will largely rest.

A Chinese was fined \$2 at the Magistrate's, yesterday, for selling human hair without a licence.

Mr. A. E. Paine, of Messrs. Montrose & Co., will be leaving for Shanghai shortly on transfer.

Mr. G. Otton, the new manager of the local branch of the Java-China-Japan Lijn, has arrived in the Colony.

We are asked to state that the Royal Naval Quadrille Club will hold their Tuesday dance as usual this week.

One case (one death) of diphtheria and one case (one death) of small-pox were reported in the Colony during the five days which ended on Sunday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 13th amounted to 94,000 tons and the sales to 94,192 tons.

A motor-car accident is reported to have occurred at Yauwiti a few days ago when a ricksha was smashed to matchwood. Fortunately nobody was injured.

Mr. Alexander Mackenzie has had to undergo an operation in the Peak Hospital, but, we are glad to learn, is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

In the course of a long debate in the House of Commons, on November 17th, on the subject of Great Britain's policy in regard to Russia, Col. Ward quoted extensively from the Hongkong Daily Press, with acknowledgments.

The road round the Island is almost ready. The section from Repulse Bay to Stanley will be open for traffic on New Year Day and the remainder of the road, from Stanley to Shaikwan, will be ready for traffic within a short time.

The Indian merchants of Hongkong and other civilian members of the Indian community are to hold a meeting at the office of Mr. H. M. H. Namazee at 11 a.m. on New Year's Day to consider how they should celebrate locally the passing of the Government of India Bill.

Mr. R. Negre has received a cable announcing the death of his brother, Mr. Alfred Negre, at Marseilles. Mr. Alfred Negre, who was only thirty, had been for over three years at the Front with the French Colonial Army, was wounded twice and decorated with the Croix de Guerre. He was Consul for China at Marseilles and managing partner of the firm of L. Negre.

The Fire Brigade were called out on Sunday night to put out a fire at Shaikwan. When the Brigade reached the scene the fire had been extinguished. It appears that a quantity of resin, which, as a result of a fire some time ago, had spread round some rocks on the foreshore, burst into flame through a lighted match being carelessly thrown on it. The military authorities immediately telephoned to the Fire Brigade, instead of to the Shaikwan Police, who remained in blissful ignorance till the arrival of the Brigade.

WEDDING IN HONGKONG.

TAYLOR—EUNANSON.

The wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, of Mr. Arthur John Collins Taylor, of the Hongkong Police, and Miss Theresa Mary Kathleen Eunanson, daughter of Mrs. M. Williamson and the late Inspector Eunanson. The Church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and was quite filled with a gathering of the friends of the two parties. The Rev. Father Augustine officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. J. H. Taggart, wore a dress of figured marquette and satin trimmed with new lace composed of seed pearls and opalescent beads. Her train was of the same marquette, finished with white silk tassel. She carried a handsome bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The little Misses Patricia and Ellen Hynes, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hynes, made a winsome pair of bridesmaids. They wore pretty dresses of pale blue oriental embroidered georgette trimmed with seed pearls. Mr. Andrews, of the Police, acted as best man.

A reception at the Hongkong Hotel, followed the ceremony. Mr. Taggart proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left amid showers of confetti for Canton, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful presents.

WAR DEVASTATED VILLAGES IN FRANCE.

FANSEY DAY FUND.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged—

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH RUSSIA'S AGENCY.)

DISTURBED EGYPT.

FIGHTING IN THE VICINITY OF TOMBÉ.

LONDON, December 27th.

The Times correspondent at Cairo states that, in view of the restlessness displayed by various tribes in the Sudan, which had attacked British posts near Tombé, killing twelve, Major White, commanding an equatorial battalion, re-connoitred from Tombé.

He was attacked on December 15th by a large force of the Aliab tribe who were repelled after severe hand to hand fighting and heavy enemy losses. Our losses were 7 killed and 9 wounded.

Major White was joined by Major Stigand, Governor of Mongalla Province, with half a company, and has proceeded to clear up the country.

The details are unknown but a mutilated telegram dated December 13th has been received, reporting that 1,000 of the enemy, on December 8th, attacked the advanced guard of the column. Fierce hand to hand fighting ensued.

Major White and Major Stigand, 22 rankers and four carriers, were killed. The enemy was driven off.

The column returned to Tombé with the wounded and the baggage.

INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

SUBDUING OF THE WAZIRIS.

LONDON, December 26th.

It is now confirmed that the enemy losses on December 21st, were over 200 Mahauds and 30 Waziris killed.

Some sections of the Tachi Waziris have failed to comply with the terms imposed by the date fixed.

According to unconfirmed reports, the Wana Waziris are returning home owing to shortage of rations.

Gangs of Khagad, 300 strong, looted Bradband on December 21st. Some of the raiders were killed.

PETROLEUM.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRENCH AND BRITISH PREMIERS.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

A Note issued in Paris says that various arrangements with a view to continuous Franco-British co-operation regarding petroleum were made by the French Liquid Fuel Controller, subject to ratification by the Premiers of France and Great Britain.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN OIL WELLS.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

M. Berthelot, Director of the French Foreign Office, has concluded his conversations on Turkey with the British Ministers, one of the main objects of his visit being to discuss the agreement between the respective Governments as to the disposal of the Mesopotamian oil wells.

The French Government would be glad to be given possession of part of the oil properties.

DUTCH BORNEO.

NOT TO BE CEDED TO BRITAIN.

THE HAGUE, December 27th.

It is semi-officially stated that the reports that Holland is about to cede Dutch Borneo to Great Britain is entirely without foundation.

AVIATION.

CAPTAIN HOWELL'S BODY RECOVERED.

LONDON, December 27th.

The body of the aviator, Captain Howell, was recovered and buried at Corfu. The mechanic's body has not yet been found.

CAPTAIN ROSE SMITH ABANDONS FLIGHT.

BRUNNEN, December 27th.

Captain Rose Smith abandoned the Trans-Australia flight at Charleville, Queensland, owing to a crank-arm breakage.

DRY AMERICA.

FATALITIES THROUGH DRINKING WOOD ALCOHOL.

NEW YORK, December 26th.

The latest figures show that at least 137 have died and 140 are blind and in danger of dying as a result of drinking wood alcohol since the introduction of Prohibition.

ENFORCING THE TREATY.

CONFERENCES IN VERSAILLES NEXT WEEK.

PARIS, December 26th.

Conferences between the Allied and German delegates with a view to the adoption of preparatory administrative measures for enforcing the Treaty of Versailles will commence at the beginning of next week.

General Lerond presides over the Allied delegation and Herr Simson over the German delegation.

The British and Italian delegates are expected in Paris on Monday.

GERMANY MUST FIRST SIGN THE PROTOCOL.

PARIS, December 26th.

The Allies have replied to the German Note, insisting upon the signature of the protocol in its present form and reaffirming Allied readiness to reduce the amount of floating material to form the Scapa Flow indemnity if it is shown that the vital economic interests justify such a reduction.

Nevertheless, the reply points out that the Allies have learned that floating docks, cranes and tugs have been recently sold, and gives notice, in view of the economic position of Germany as stated by the German delegates, that the Allies will not recognise such sales.

The Note rejects the German proposal to substitute for the five small cruisers mentioned in the protocol five others under construction.

It states that directly the protocol is signed all the German officers and men interned as a result of the Scapa Flow affair will be liberated except those charged with war crimes.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE TREATY.

HOPES OF A COMPROMISE.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

Paris circles hope that the United States' compromise, making the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles possible, will be accepted soon. The compromise is based on the programme of Reservations called the Lodge Programme which will be accepted by the Democrats.

THE SCAPA FLOW SINKINGS.

GERMAN WARSHIPS TO BE BLOWN UP.

LONDON, December 26th.

The National News states that it has been decided that the German warships scuttled in the Scapa Flow shall be blown up early next year in the presence of an Allied Naval Commission.

PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMINALS.

GERMAN STEEL MAGNATE IMPRISONED.

AMSTERDAM, December 27th.

The German steel magnate, Bochling, was court-martialled on a charge of destroying great ironworks in Eastern France, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and a fine of 240,000.

REPARATION AND INDEMNITY.

GERMANY CAN AND WILL PAY.

NEW YORK, December 27th.

The German Finance Minister, interviewed by an American journalist, declared that Germany can and will pay within a year twenty billion marks as reparation and indemnity.

EX-GERMAN SHIPS RETURNED.

BY DIRECTION OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, December 26th.

By the direction of President Wilson, the seven ex-German ships loaned to the United States after the Armistice, namely, the Graf Waldersee, the Zeppelin, the Pretoria, the Cope Finisterre, the Mobile, the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm and the Aquaria Augusta Victoria, have been returned to Britain.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

TO BE RETURNED TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

WASHINGTON, December 26th.

President Wilson has announced that the railroads will be returned to private ownership on March 1st.

"GAY PARADE"

PRICES SOARING WITHOUT A CHECK.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

Paris is revelling in its heart's content and prices are soaring very high without a check on the merry-makers all over Paris.

PROFITTEERING IN FRANCE.

SUGAR RATION MAY BE REDUCED.

PARIS, December 26th.

The Food Controller issues a warning that the temporary reduction of the sugar ration will be necessary at an early date in order to defeat what appears to be concerted action on the part of producers to take advantage of the general position by raising the prices for early deliveries no less than six or seven times the pre-war level.

FLOODS IN ALSACE.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE REPORTED.

PARIS, December 26th.

The floods in Alsace are assuming alarming dimensions. The low-lying country near Strasbourg is nothing but an enormous lake. Extensive damage is reported. Many villages are completely inundated. Iron bridges have been swept away. Railway traffic is interrupted in almost the whole of the Vosges Valley. Several people have been drowned.

BIG FIRE AT MARSEILLES.

RAILWAY STATION DESTROYED.

MARSEILLES, December 26th.

The railway station has been destroyed by a fire. The damage is estimated at several million francs.

MARRIAGE EPIDEMIC IN FRANCE.

RECORDS BROKEN AT LILLE.

PARIS, December 26th.

A Havas message says:—

People are getting married everywhere in France.

In pre-war times the marriage average at Lille was 2,300 annually; this year it has increased to 4,000.

EARL GREY.

DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK.

LONDON, December 26th.

Earl Grey sails from New York on January 3rd.

BOLSHEVISM.

ODESSA BEING EVACUATED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 27th.

Owing to the rapid advance of the Bolsheviks, the civilian population is beginning to evacuate Odessa.

DOCKERS' WAGES.

DEMAND FOR 16s. DAY, 44-HOUR WEEK.

An application for a general revision of dockers' wages, with a view to establishing a national minimum standard, was forwarded by the National Transport Workers' Federation to all employers of dock and water-side labour in Great Britain on October 18th. With it was an application for various alterations in working conditions and an invitation to the employers to attend a national conference to discuss the proposals. It is suggested by the Transport Workers' Federation that the National Negotiating Committee, which drafted the 44-hour agreement should act as convenors of the Conference.

The demands include a minimum for day workers and piece workers of 16s. per day on the basis of the national agreement for the 44-hour week. The application also asks for a payment of time and a half for overtime, with a minimum of four hours, and that men working after 4.30 or 9 p.m. shall be paid a full night's wages. Other provisions in the application include: "While men work on regular shift work, not less than time and a half to be paid for the second shift, and in the case of piece workers, rate and a half; Saturday afternoons and Sundays up to starting time on Mondays to be paid for at not less than double time, at day or overtime rates, steps to be taken to secure the reduction of overtime to reasonable lengths, and systematic overtime to be abolished. Where men work on the basis of two shifts in succession they shall not be permitted to recommence work for 24 hours, or two shifts, from the time of ceasing; permanent men shall have their wages adjusted in order that they shall be in the same relation to casuals as existed prior to the establishment of the 44-hour working week or the signing of the new national agreement; where overtime conditions are outlined in the present proposals, vary with local conditions and are found after local negotiation to be impracticable, districts to be given power to vary the proposals, provided that the total amount paid for overtime shall not be less than herein proposed."

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

AMERICAN PROTEST AGAINST VICKERS' CONTRACT.

PEKING, December 26th.

The American Legation has lodged a protest with the Foreign Office regarding the Vickers' aeroplane contract—a provision of which gives the company preference in such supplies for ten years—as being contrary to the principle of "equal opportunity."

FRENCH PROTEST AGAINST AMERICAN LOAN.

PEKING, December 26th.

The French Legation has protested to the Foreign Office against the American Loan, which is secured on the surplus of the Wine and Tobacco revenue, as an infringement of the rights of the Banque Industrielle de Chine which were obtained during Yuan Shih-kai's presidency.

NEW CHINESE-ITALIAN BANK.

PEKING, December 26th.

A Sino-Italian Bank will be opened in Peking in the former German Hospital.

ANOTHER LOAN NEEDED BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

PEKING, December 26th.

A Presidential mandate promulgates the Budget for the eighth year of the Republic passed by Parliament, also a special Budget for the Railway, Telegraph, Postal and Navigation Departments for the eighth year.

The President states that, as the receipts are not sufficient to cover the expenditure, another Bill has been recently submitted to Parliament requesting that the Government be allowed to raise an additional loan of six million (dollars) in order to relieve the financial difficulty.

The mandate, concluding, urges the departmental chiefs to eliminate superfluous expenditure.

DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT FENG.

THE EX-PRESIDENT FENG KAO-CHANG DIED YESTERDAY.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHINA MAIL"]

Colonel Smallwood, who is now engaged in delivering the Haidy-Ping aeroplanes to the Chinese Government, has arrived at Shanghai to select a landing field for aerial mail routes. Plans are progressing for passenger and postal air lines to Peking, Hongkong, and other cities. An extensive commercial service is being planned.

FOR PEACE IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, December 26th.

It is believed that the Chinese Peace Conference will be resumed during the early part of the new year. General Lu Yang-tung has decided to join hands with Tang Shao-yi for the sake of immediate peace. A deputy has been despatched to Shanghai to open negotiations. Peking is starving hard for peace.

JOINT ACTION IN SIBERIA.

NEW YORK, December 27th.

A telegram from Vladivostok, dated December 16th, says that the Japanese Official Publicity Bureau announces that the United States and Japan have reached common ground on which joint action in Siberia will be based.

CHINESE MINISTER'S HOLIDAY OVER.

NICE, December 26th.

The Chinese Minister to Britain has returned to London.

SIBERIA AND FURS.

WASHINGTON, December 26th.

The State Department has been asked by American fur importers to urge the Japanese Government and General Semenov to permit purchased furs to leave Siberia instead of confining them for alleged military purposes and reselling them to the Japanese.

CHINESE DEMAND FOR SILVER.

LONDON, December 26th.

Major Munro's report says the silver market is fairly well supplied, and that there will be no inquiry from Shanghai and Hongkong notwithstanding the fact that the demand for China continues to be met by silver dollars from America.

WOMEN IN HONGKONG.

Christmas festivities are over, and we have a few days for rest and contemplation before another wild rush of farewell to the old and welcome to the New Year.

Events in connection with these celebrations loom alarmingly and I tremble to think of the general state of tempers and lives next Monday.

We badly need a little breathing space. It really has been amusing to observe the after-effects on one's large circle of acquaintances. There has been a lot of yawning and surreptitious shut-eye, in the Peak Tram.

Quite a number of men went to their offices on Saturday morning. The environment seemed in contemplation to promise more rest than cricket and other clubs or even the home atmosphere with energetic wives and families bent on pleasure. Their hopes were blighted; a heavy mail came in and the peaceful interval turned into a strenuous couple of hours' hard work.

Festivities started quite a while ago with the Masked Ball and Cabaret for France. The organization, thanks to a few earnest workers, was excellent. Considerable surprise was expressed at the absence of most of the members of the committee of the patrons, for if these good people had only played the game and made up parties, as Mrs. Basil Taylor and Mrs. Hay did, the attendance would have been bigger and more general public support assured. It would have been quite easy to make it fashionable to be seen at the Masked Ball and Cabaret, for everyone knows that when Mrs. No. 1 leads Mrs. No. 2 follows.

People do not seem to understand that being on a committee entails something more than just having the honour of publishing one's name in support of a good cause; or that it is "up to them" to justify the position they are supposed to be filling. They might as well go out for all they are worth, for the credit or blame for failure or success is shared by all who give their names as responsible Committee Members.

On Monday there was a monster Christmas Tree at the Peak Hotel, when 100 children, their parents, sister cousins, governesses and amahs, assembled to eat, drink and be merry. It was a delightful entertainment—dancing in the Lounge till tea time and later a perfectly gorgeous Tree gaily decked with gleaming silver-gold, and bright-coloured balloons, while the branches bent under the weight of beautiful gifts, which were handed to the children by Santa Claus.

The movements of this benefactor of infant humanity will always remain as a mystery to intelligent children; he seems to be able to get about the world so quickly.

Mystery or no mystery, he was there. Those who doubted the magic surrounding his presence were afterwards introduced to further magic and further mysteries when a couple of clever conjurers, appeared before them on a temporary stage erected in the Lounge. It was delightful to watch the awe and pleasure expressed on all the childish faces, and the spontaneous enthusiasm, with which they responded to the call for cheers for Father Xmas, and Mrs. Blair, proposed by Captain Basil Taylor and Mr. Dick Hancock.

I understand that all the children on the Peak are to be asked to give presents to the children of the men of the White Star regiment, who are to have a Christmas Tree, the first that has been possible for them for some years.

The Garrison Artillery had a Christmas Tree for their children. Some of the officers' wives worked hard to make it a success and the results justified the work and effort.

The P.W.D. Christmas Tree appears to have been a great show, and several private parties were made up for those children who were outside the big organised efforts. Grown-up people have dined and danced and golfed and cricketed through the holidays; some dinners started in fancy costume and some ended in it. This sounds involved, but it is not; modern crackers and masks do not on the spur of the moment create an end of fun, and fancy costumes, designed when the spirit moves—I hear a voice humming "What kind of spirit?"—are often infinitely funnier than those on which end, less thought has been expended.

It was nice after a rest from newspapers to get them again. We may grouse at the Press, but what a blank there is the morning that your tea comes in without the morning paper.

I wonder if you all noticed the good news on Monday 26th; it really is rather thrilling for women to read that the Sex Disqualification Removal Act has immediately resulted in the appointment of Women Magistrates. One is particularly glad to see that the chief work to begin with will be in the Children's Courts. There, more than anywhere, should a woman's knowledge and particular talents be of extreme benefit. Women police are already an institution in many countries and their work among women children, vagrants and criminals have proved of great value.

Many men profess to fear the encroachment of women into Law Courts. They think our powers of logical argument and unbiased thought are non-existent or poorly developed. We, however, do not share their fears; we have a sublime confidence in our ability and are sure that the world will be a better place when we have a finger in the political-judicial pie. The comfort we offer to our pessimistic male friends is that there was a time, not very long ago, when they too had to fight for freedom and the right to make the laws which favour them. The ruling classes of those days were terribly upset at the thought of the ignorant masses dabbling in affairs of State. You were supposed to have been born in purple before you were credited with brains or reasoning powers and there are even in these enlightened days men who believe that to have been born female instead of male excludes you from the possession of these faculties.

Lady Astor's electioneering speech reproduced in the Daily Press of December 26th is another landmark in the progress of women. It was a credit to our sex and showed that women were genuine when they professed to be fighting for the advancement and betterment of the conditions of women and children, when they asked for political rights. The whole principle of the struggle for women's suffrage is comprised in her words: "I have a great desire to help my sex and a determination to do my part in making this world (which we may give their lives for) a better and cleaner place in every way for all men." Of course, you see that by the means the race. Every word she spoke was sane and sensible and full of honest endeavour to stand or fall by her principles. She would not bind herself to follow blindly the lead of her party. "I go standing to my head and to the waist band, and shall be guided by both head and heart and instinct. If you want a party hack, don't elect me." Lady Astor has the eyes of the British Empire upon her as the first woman to be a member of Parliament in Great Britain. "If she lives up to her principles and her speech all that we have hoped for in our women candidates will be realized." We have always felt that if we were given scope, our common sense, our hearts and our instincts would make for greater independence and greater loyalty to our principles than is common in the majority of politicians. We believe also that our spirit of humanity is bigger and more sympathetic than men's, that we are better able to feel the wants of the race, through being the mothers of the race, nourishing and rearing the new infancy, through watching the development of our children, and through the maternal instinct, which desires to protect and save and cleanse all human beings who are born in this every decent woman. It is a triumph for the suffragists that the first woman elected should be wife and mother, and we must all rejoice that the circumstances which made for the success of this election were at the disposal of a woman so eminently suited to take on the responsibility of being the first of her sex to invade the sacred portals.

THE SUFFRAGE.

December 26th.

COMMISSIONER INQUIRY.

The Commission appointed to inquire into the mining industry met under the chairmanship of Mr. H. H. Robertson, M.P., when Mr. H. H. Bishop, a director of Thorneycroft Mines (Limited), and Mr. William Thomas, the general manager of the Thorneycroft Mine, gave evidence. In their opinion an amalgamation of the mines and the central district would be advantageous. Mr. Bishop said that the value rendered to the country by the Cornish tin-mining industry, that the Government should make a grant of 21,000,000 for this purpose, and be instructed to the advantage made by the Government in the Anglo-Peruvian Oil Company as a precedent.

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People were scandalised, but Alfonso made his point. He could be dignified and regal whenever it was needed, but he had a right to a certain amount of time of duty, and at duty he was going to enjoy himself.

The news spread through Spain, and even the leading Liberals (who are prone to propagate their principles with bombs) admitted that Alfonso was rather a good sort. They also discovered that the King himself disliked the reactionary Court party in Spanish politics rather more than they did themselves. Alfonso was justified, for the Court party desired to restrain his personal liberty in the shackles of tradition. If they had secured their way he would have had to play his afternoon game of tennis in his field-marshal's uniform.

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Don Alfonso's career is that of a king who has made good in face of all kinds of serious obstacles.—Daily Express.

THE COST OF THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

In reply to questions by several hon. members, in the House of Commons on October 27th, Mr. Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Birmingham, W., C.U.), said:—The total cost of the railway strike is believed to be roughly about £10,000,000, including delay in demobilisation, estimated at £2,000,000. The figures are, however, not yet complete. The cost to the State, in the wider sense is incalculable. The cost of publicity and propaganda was £32,507. The question whether all direct Exchequer charges by reason of the railway strike shall be met from a separate Vote to be presented to Parliament is under consideration.

Mr. Bottomley (Hackney, S., Ind.) asked whether the Prime Minister would grant a day for the discussion of the circumstances which led to the strike.

Mr. Adams (Chilman, Lab.)—Before the right hon. gentleman replies, is he aware that the railway servants would welcome a debate at any time after the negotiations which are at present in progress?

Mr. Bonar Law.—If there is any general desire for such a discussion, I shall be happy to arrange it. It is a question which may be decided according to the wishes of the House. I should have thought a discussion was desirable, but the particular time must be arranged.

Mr. Bottomley.—I beg to give notice that at an early date I shall call attention to the recent railway strike, and move that this House is of opinion that such a strike was unjustified and inimical to the best interests of labour, and calls on the Government at once to introduce legislation rendering illegal any stoppage of public services without due notice to and a ballot of the members concerned. (Cheers.) Mr. J. Jones (Silverton, Lab.)—Stop, John Bull in the same way.

NAVAL MISSION TO POLAND.

In the House of Commons on October 27th, in reply to Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy (Hull, Central, L.), Mr. Cecil Harcourt, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Luton, C.L.), said:—At the urgent request of the Polish Government, a British naval mission, with Commander Thornton in command, arrived at Warsaw on September 11th, with the object of advising the Polish Government on various technical questions, such as the development of their seaboard, rivers, mine-sweeping, ports, and docks, and the organization of their river and maritime traffic, and of their mercantile marine. The Polish Government are hoping eventually to have a small naval force of their own, but I am not in a position to state the attitude of the Admiralty towards this question.

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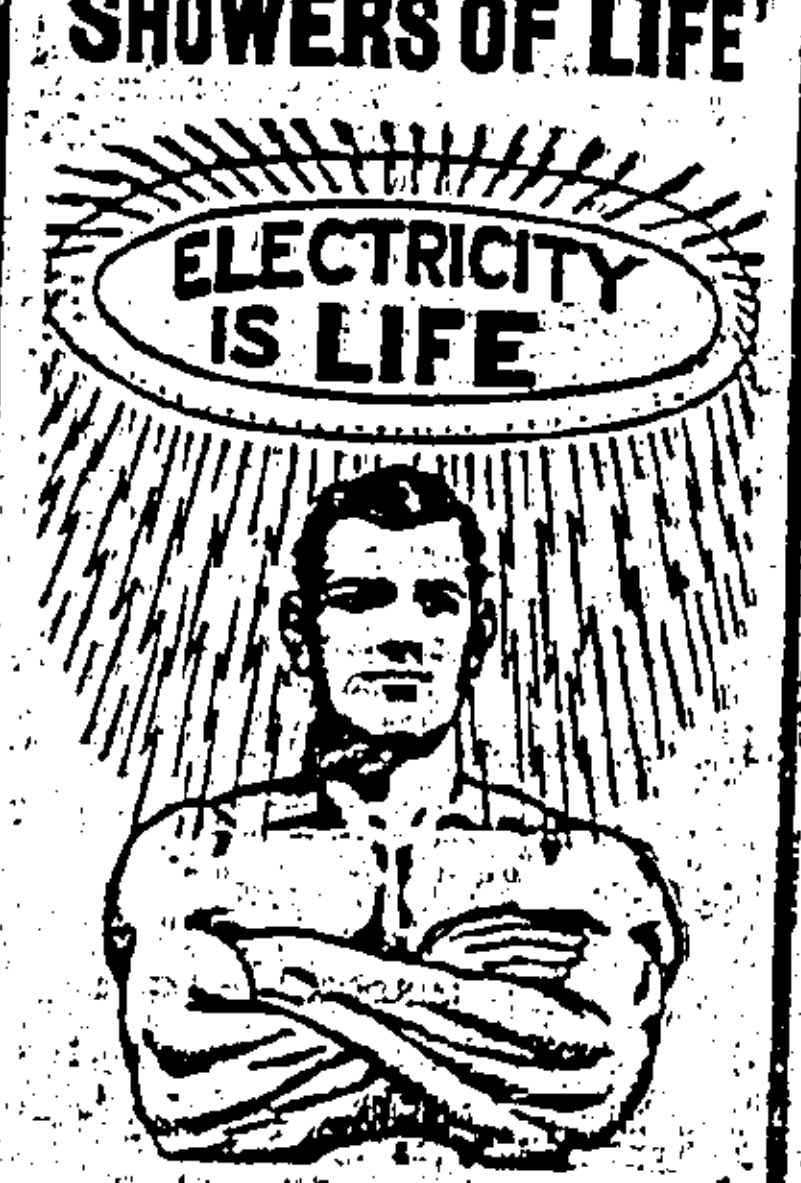
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